



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kazuhiro ICHIMOTO et al.

Group Art Unit: 3748

Application No.: 10/555,409

Examiner: D. TRAN

Filed: November 3, 2005

Docket No.: 125881

For: DEVICE FOR RESTRAINING THE DETERIORATION OF A CATALYTIC  
APPARATUS OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the October 10, 2007 Office Action, and further to the January 10, 2008 personal interview with the Examiner, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**